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Albany to ine-tune TV cable contract

By John McWhorter

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tury Cable's manager Dun-cliver said the company had ther concerns with provi-n the ordinance, but that he didn't have any go objections'' to the



One woman is dead, another man is in a coma after being struck at or near this intersection in El Cerrito

Neighbors mounting campaign for signal

By Nancy Boas

EL CERRITO — Citizens have signed a petition requesting that a traffic signal be installed at a dangerous intersection, but the city foresees problems in getting the petition through Caltrans.

On Feb. 21 the El Cerrito City Council voted unanimously to support the 192-signature petition to put traffic lights at the intersection of San Pablo and Madison avenues after a spate of accidents occurred there. spate of accidents occurred there.

But the city isn't expecting

miracles. Because San Pablo Avenue is a state highway, it is managed by Caltrans, which is responsible for putting in traf-fic signals.

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Technically, that intersection hasn't garnered enough "warrants" to merit a signal, said Caltrans officials. "Warrants" are a series of conditions that must be met before an intersection is eligible for a signal.

One warrant requires at least five accidents with personal injury or property damage exceeding \$200 in a year.

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'Too many delays'

El Cerrito drops mall developer

By Chris Treadway

EL CERRITO — Development of an El Cerrito Promenade shopping area along San Pablo Avenue was thrown back to square one Feb. 21 when the City Council voted to terminate its agreement with the project's developer.

The council voted unanimously to drop the Schurgin Development Corp. from negotiations for a \$20 million open-air mall planned for five blocks of San Pablo Avenue between Cutting Boulevard and Potrero Avenue.
The city Redevelopment Agency now is seeking others interested in developing the 12-acre site, said Patrick O'Keeffe, the city's redevelopment director.

"There's a whole litt of people."

redevelopment director.

"There's a whole list of people waiting," O'Keeffe said. "Seven different firms have expressed interest."

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Councilmember Bob Bacon called it "an understatement" to say he is happy with the decision to dump Schurgin. "Not only have they shown an insensitivity to the needs of El Cerrito, but there's also been a lack of performance."
The council had already granted the developer five extensions during the past 18 months, he said, offering it as proof that the project was a low priority for Schurgin.
"This one's obviously taking a real back seat with them." Bacon said. "This city deserves a better developer than the Schurgin Corporation."
But Allen Lynch, a Schurgin vice president, said he is surprised by the action, adding that his company is not yet out of the picture.
"We want to get back together

picture.

"We want to get back together with the agency and try to understand their concerns and questions and resolve whatever misunderstandings may exist," he

misunderstandings may exist," he said.

"We've worked very hard for a long period of time to put together a successful development agreement," Lynch said. "This project's had a lot of hurdles and we've tried to address every single one of them."

Councilmember Stephen Porter did not share Bacon's enthusiasm over the move.

"I'm not elated, I'm saddened," Porter said. "I think it's another setback for redevelopment efforts. It's very unfortunate that the developer did not honor its contract agreement. It's going to result in delays."

'This city to deserves a better developer than the Schurgin Corporation'

-Bob Bacon

"It might very well take a little longer," Bacon said. "But I think the quality of the next developer will be better and they will be more responsive." At the same meeting, C.L. Associates and Branagh Con-struction were dropped as

San Pablo Avenue. Inat project also has been hampered by delays.

To avoid possible competition for the same types of tenants, a decision on the future of the Gateway project will be put off until a development plan is selected for the area Schurgin would have developed.

The council acted on the promenade project after it said Los Angeles-based Schurgin failed to meet the city's deadline for securing a firm commitment from a lender.

Schurgin did submit a letter from a lender at the last minute, but it was deemed inadequate by the council.

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Albany to purchase old hospital building

By John McWhorter

ALBANY — The purchase of the old Albany Hospital building is as good as done and plans are now moving forward to provide the Albany Library with a new

McManus said.

The bonds will be financed by the city's general fund, the 6-month-old landscape and lighting assessment district and the city's sewer fund.

Rehabilitation will be funded through Measure AA, Community Development Block Grants and Proposition 85 matching grants, City Administrator Steven Salomon said.

The building's estimated \$1.5 million in major repairs and modifications are expected to take up to five years.

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In spite of the costs, McManus said the city made a good deal.
"If you add it all up the city is still getting an institutional building for about \$100 a square foot," a price that's hard to beat, he said.

An investigation revealed that the building suffers from dry rot and termite damage and that the



John Williams, Albany's recrea tion and community service director, inspects old X-rays

Last month, the city created a
Public Improvement Authority to
oversee sale of the bonds used to
buy the old hospital.
Of the total bond issue,
\$400,000 goes toward conSee LIBRARY on page 3

C. cable subscribers angry over service

By Mandy Erickson

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CERRITO — The first hearing on the city's cable on service drew a crowd of subscribers, frustrated proand apologetic yet optiservice representatives.
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build like this is no small
king," Norris read from a
d script. "It is not as if

Bay Cablevision were simply plugging in a new television cord."

He acknowledged that service suffered because of the rebuild, but said everything is now back to normal.

"As a result (of the rebuild), El Cerrito's subscribers have some 50 channels to choose from," Norris said.

Many subscribers who called and wrote to complain about the service never knew that the com-pany was revamping its system. But Bay Cablevision insisted that it advertised the change.

"We spent a small fortune to alert the community," said Earl Young, manager of Bay Cablevision. He said that his company ran advertisements in local newspapers and sent out notices in the billing statements.

Councilmember Robert Bacon disagreed.

"I am a cable subscriber myself in this city," he said, "and I was not aware of what was going on." A few producers showed up at the hearing to complain that Bay Cablevision's studio, which is required to allow public access, has been unavailable. They said they

have not been able to tape shows

Maura Hagerty-Hammond, have not been able to tape shows or edit film.

In its agreement with the city of El Cerrito, Bay Cablevision is required to open one cable channel (Channel 28) for local producers.

Maura Hagerty-Hammond, who produces "Action" — a show about local artists and performers — said she received a call from Bay Cablevision in See CABLE on back page

Albany schools

Administrators get raise, board member resigns

By Ben Hellwarth

ALBANY — It was an evening of gains and losses at the Albany school board's Tuesday night

resignation.
Citing an unspecified health
condition, an emotional Boardmember Bonnie Cediel occasionally fought back tears as she

read a brief, prepared statement.
"It is with regret that I have decided to resign," she said.
She thanked the people of the community for their "faith and support" and added that her colleagues on the school board "typify the talents and strengths found throughout the district."
She said it was an exciting time to be participating in school district policy, especially given the "changing beliefs about what schools should teach."
Cediel said that although resigning, she would continue "to See SCHOOLS on back page

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Lifestyles of the Cheap and Famous — the East Bay's No. 1 cheapskate basks in the national spotlight. Read about El Cerrito's Luis Torres unusual celebrityhood. Page 4.

Commentary •

Progress steady for disabled access in E.C.

By Robert Coleman

Although the El Cerrito Committee for Disability Rights has not been able to force Emporium-Capwell to make its doors easier to commit the classification.

Capwell to make its doors easier to open, it has already made some progress in helping El Cerrito become a more accessible city.

The El Cerrito Committee for Disability Rights is an organization formed last summer to work for the rights of the disabled citizens of El Cerrito.

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One of these was that the city apply for a Community Development block grant to obtain money for the construction of curb cuts for wheelchairs in the sidewalks of El Cerrito.

In October the committee appeared before the county's advisory board for the block grant funds with Mayor Jean Siri and Director of Public Works Bob Dunn. The committee supported the city's application for a grant of \$13,050 that would enable it to put in curb cuts along Moeser Lane.

This grant has recently been approved, If the City Council votes for a matching \$4,350 in its 1989-90 budget, work will begin within the next year.

Another request was that

ALBANY — Following is a summary of crimes and incidents occurring last week, according to police reports.

• A Pierce Street woman reported that her ex-husband had removed earrings from her daughter's recently-pierced ears. He apparently was not happy that his 6-year-old had her ears pierced. The girl's lobes were sensitive and the earrings could not be put back on, said her mother.

● An employee from Reno Express Tours reported that a light-skinned black man in his 30s, well groomed, entered the business Feb. 17 claiming that the boss had hired him to do some remodeling. He returned again Feb. 21, still claiming to be a handyman. He made some phone calls and was seen moving an employee's belongings to the bathroom before he left.

The employee discovered that

before he left.

The employee discovered that \$620 in cash receipts was missing from the desk drawers. When contacted, the owner said he never hired anyone to remodel.

• On Feb. 22 a pedestrian outside the Albany Police Department reported spotting a small plastic baggie containing white powder on the sidewalk in front

Police Report

improvement in service and attitude.

In December members of the committee met with Evelyn Olson, manager of the El Cerrito Plaza. They presented her with a list of suggestions that would make the Plaza more accessible to disabled shoppers.

One of these suggestions was that plastic bag dispensers in the produce department in Lucky supermarket be placed where a person in a wheelchair can reach them. Lucky has done this.

Another suggestion was that more benches be put in the Plaza for people who don't drive and need to wait for rides. The Plaza has agreed to put in a bench on the south side of Lucky.

However, not all suggestions and requests from the El Cerrito Committee for Disability Rights have been acted upon.

With help from Bob Dunn, the committee is putting together a plan to put in curb cuts throughout the city. However, it is not clear when and from where the money to implement this plan will come.

The Dial-a-Ride service operates only during limited hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. It takes people out of El Cerrito for some selected medical reasons. It goes no farther south than Solano or north than Brookside in San Pablo. Perhaps with money now available after the passage of Proposition C in the last election, this

Albany freeway scene for drive-by shooting

the department's evidence property room.

ty room.

• A man stole \$15 to \$20 worth of pennies, but left a receipt.

A woman who lives on Curtis Avenue reported Feb. 21 that a man who looked like a street person took the pennies from a large glass jar she has kept on her front porch for the last five years.

She threw the receipt away.

• A Richmond man narrowly.

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• A Richmond man narrowly escaped injury in a drive-by shooting attempt Feb. 21. He was reportedly fired at by an Asian male in his 20s driving a white 1986 Nissan 200 SX at 12:24 a.m.

The man told police the driver of the Nissan was driving recklessly eastbound on the freeway in Oakland. The two exchanged words and gestures when the Nissan's driver allegedly rolled down his window, pulled out a revolver and fired, missing.

The man said he continued eastbound on 1-80 while the Nissan's driver took 580 westbound. The car has tinted windows and a black bra. A possible license plate is IPLY467 or a similar number.

• A woman who lives on Ord-

the next 15 years, the management has decided not to make any major changes.

Many people (and not just people in wheelchairs) have complained about the difficulty they have using the doors to the Emporium-Capwell department store in the Plaza. The management of Emporium-Capwell desenot seem to be interested in doing anything about this problem.

A start has been made in making the facilities of the city of El Cerrito available to its disabled citizens but much work needs to be done. The committee needs continued community support for its efforts to improve the quality of life in El Cerrito.

Any persons interested in helping should call Robert Coleman at \$26-1880 or Janet Abelson at \$25-7709.

Robert Coleman is the organizer of the El Cerrito Committee for Disability Rights.

Emporium-Capwell responds;

mittee for Disability Rights.

Emporium-Capwell responds:
No formal complaints have been
made to the store manager's office about problems with the
doors. Customer service is our
first priority, so if there is an access problem we will be happy to
look into it.

Pat Turner

employees at the Solano Avenue 7-11 spotting him stuffing candy and burritos into his pants and

A marriage counselor reported Feb. 18 that her client's husband left a threatening message on her answering machine.

The caller said he would kill a

Birdie Chi

As they drove by in a white van on Evelyn Street just past the shopping center, they stopped to pick up an older lady off the sidewalk where she had fallen, and drove her home — that's me. Albany student Not the same Adams family of the month

Birdie Chi's life has been most nusual. She was born in Taiwan, towed to Hong Kong when she was to Hawaii at 3 and to Albany hen only 5.

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She attended preschool in Hawaii and started kindergarten here. Becaue of unusual circumstances her parents moved back to Asia, leaving Chi, an older brother and a sister here.

Their mother's work entails considerable travel. For several years she was able to live here but now she is required to live in Taiwan and is able to come only loccasionally to visit her children.

Having left the language of her birthplace at such a young age; before she had learned to read or write Chinese, Chi now has no direct means of communicating with her grandparents or other relatives. However, her school friends and their families have been very good to her and provided support when she really needed them, she said.

Beside being responsible for her seeded work.

them, she said.

Beside being responsible for herself and her school work, Chi keeps house for herself and her brother. He works so she is busy after school grocery shopping, paying bills, cleaning house and doing laundry. However, she sees the positive side of her responsibilities and says that they have made her independent - a trait she will appreciate when she attends college next year.

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Correction

Editor:

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Regarding the article on Roberta Schlatter (Community Folk, Feb. 16), you identify Jane Adams as the wife of John Adams (presumably our second president). Actually Jane Addams (note spelling), the reformer and women's suffragist, was born in 1860, 34 years after John Adams died, and may never have married (my sources are limited).
John Adams was married to Abigail, who was "one of the

Letters

There is a young couple who I think may live in Albany and who I very much wish to thank for their kindness to me.

A note of appreciation

Happenings such as this as so prevalent in this busy won it warmed my heart to find p who would take the time compassionate and help others.

I hope this note will find in so they will know appreciation.

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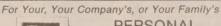
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when retrieved, police found that the 1-inch baggie held white crystal powder. They placed it in the station. whose out when he came home with drugs. Police contacted a potential shoplifter Feb. 18 when Peppermint schnapps bandit

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Tested for shoplifting. The store recovered two wallets totaling \$36.

A 19-year-old attempted to

• On Feb. 23 someone smashed in the drive-through window at Der Weinerschnitzel and took some orange drinks.

• At 3:55 a.m. on Feb. 23, an Arlington Boulevard man reported that someone drove his 1985 Chevrolet sedan away without permission. License plate: 2KCX614.

Golden Gate Lanes reported Feb. 23 that someone stole a bowling ball and a rubber stamp and pad. Loss: \$40.

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• A woman on Liberty Street reported that someone entered her home Feb. 22 and stole her purse. The burglar entered the apartment through a living room window, according to police. Loss: purse and credit cards valued at \$131.

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A Richmond man reported Feb. 21 that someone stole a \$340 pair of skis, bindings and poles from the bed of his truck. The vehicle was left unattended in a Richmond Avenue parking lot.

• Emporium-Capwell reported Feb. 21 that a suspect grabbed seven pairs of men's pants from a display rack and fled into a waiting car. Loss: \$196.

● That same day, store detectives spotted a woman entering the store's bathroom with unpaidfor items concealed in her jacket. The 28-year-old woman was ar-

• A woman who lives on Ord-way had police stand by while she made other living arrangements for her brother. She asked him to move out when he came home with drugs.

● A 19-year-old attempted to steal two bottles of peppermint schnapps from Lucky Feb. 20. When stopped by store personnel he became abusive and "struck an employee with an open hand."



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BART promises to clean up stations

wing to escalate their war on BART directors approved to clean up dirty stations ing three new workers and \$\frac{1}{2}\$\$\$100,000 worth of new ment such as vacuum rs, buffers, maps and

element of the plan is to ch half the BART tenance staff to the rard shift so crews aren't inted by rush hour crowds stations will be clean when ng riders arrive for their sommute.

Glenn wanted to delay the vote two weeks, claiming that top maintenance officials don't have time to supervise employees because they have to spend their time filling out time cards, an allegation denied by BART staff.

With the exception of director Michael Bernick, who abstained from the vote, the rest of the board agreed with director Erlene DeMarcus.

"I don't feel we should delay implementing this much-needed plan any longer. We need to give this plan a chance," DeMarcus said.

Although other directors

said.

Although other directors agreed that the cleanup plan deserves a chance, some predicted that it won't succeed overnight.

Director Wil Ussery said the plan shold be more ambitious and won't eliminate the problem.

"We won't get rid of the public criticism of our stations and we'll be back to this issue in eight months," Ussery said.

Director Margaret Pryor said

BART needs an awareness campaign to let riders know that the statons are only as clean as they allow them to be.

"Filth is directly related to the way people who use the station treat the station," she said. "People don't treat their stations as if they belong to them."

Bernick said his reservation about the plan is that it doesn't include a systematic way of measuring success at specific intervals.

Director Joe Fitzpatrick said a strict measuring system isn't essential.

"If the stations aren't clean in

essential.

"If the stations aren't clean in six months, we're going to hear about it anyway," he said.

Pac Bell must tighten 976 rules

The state Public Utilities Commission instructed Pacific Bell to revise its new proposed 900 service, which was developed to more tightly control 976 number abuses, before the commission will accept the proposal.

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The commission asked that Pacific Bell revise its proposed 900 information/entertainment service plan and turn in the revised plan to the PUC by March 13. The commission is expected to vote on the revised 900 proposal at its regular meeting March 22.

Stephen Maita, a PacBell spokesman, said the revisions proposed by the commission proposed by the commission proposed by the commission proposed by the commission will offer more than the PUC recommended.

"Our goal is to disconnect dialaporn," said a second company spokesman Jim Herold. "But until we have legal authority to do that, we've designed our new 900 service to solve the problems some consumers have had with 976."

Phone messages such as dial-aporn, dial-a-horoscope and dial-aporn, dial-a-horoscope and dial-aporn, dial-a-horoscope and dial-a-

some consumers have had with 976."

Phone messages such as dial-aporn, dial-a-horoscope and dial-a-soap have commonly been provided through the 976 prefix, which costs callers an automatic variable surcharge.

The PacBell 900 proposal before the PUC recently asked that Pacific Bell be allowed to carry and bill for recorded broadcasts, interactive messages, videotext and live group conversations offered by information providers using the 900 area code.

The commission, however, to-day said the proposal should be revised and asked for the changes to include:

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Officials hope to turn part of the old Alta Bates Hospital on Marin Avenue into a new library

Library

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solidating and relocating the city's two maintenance yards.

The remaining funds are allocated to a required reserve account and issuance costs, McManus said.

In addition to providing a place for the Albany Library to expand from its 3,300-square-foot location on Solano Avenue, the 24,000-square-foot structure also will be used as a community center.

Although the library won't be

Alta Bates settled out of court in October for an undisclosed amount, according to Michael Smith, spokesman for the Albany Medical Group.

AC offers direct service to GG Fields

ALBANY — AC Transit of-ficials said direct service to Golden Gate Fields will be pro-vided for racing enthusiasts through June 25.

Local bus service will be operated from the North Berkeley BART station to the Golden Gate Fields grandstands every 20 minutes from 10:30 a.m. to 6

p.m. with a fare of \$1.50 for each way, said officials.

Service also will be offered from the Transbay Terminal in San Francisco to the Albany racetrack every half hour from 10:30 a.m. to noon on race days.

Return trips will begin after the fifth race and a \$3 fare will be charged each way.

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Under-the-counter 'Verses'

Waldenbooks in El Cerrito Plaza followed orders and brief-ly pulled its remaining copies of 'The Satanic Verses' off the shelves. Store personnel say that the controversial book by Salman Rushdie is currently sold out and is being ordered upon request.



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Toilet paper trick gets El Cerritan on talk-show circuit

Talk is cheap, so Luis Torres is willing to indulge himself

By Loura Ingram

EL CERRITO — Luis Torres is having a ball being an instant celebrity. He justs feels a little funny that he's gotten famous for being a cheapskate.

Torres, of El Cerrito, was recently chosen as the East Bay's ultimate tightwad in the Oakland Tribune's "How Cheap Are You?" contest.

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He won for his habit of making two rolls of toilet paper out of one roll of two-ply paper. Wire services picked up the story, and since then the 64-year-old retired welder has been inundated with media attention.

"It's incredible," Torres said.
"I can't believe it. I've been interviewed on the radio from Denver, Chicago, Boston, all over ... even from Australia and New Zealand. And look, people who heard me have been writing to me."

He displays some of the letters

show," he said. "That's at night, and then this other show wants me in the morning. They promised me a limousine, unlimited spending money, the whole shebang."

For a frugal man, he's being generous with his time. "Why not? I'm retired, and I'm enjoying it all."

Has anyone offered him any money for all these interviews? Well, no, except that one of the Los Angeles shows promised he'd be paid for his time. Sheepishly, Torres admits he was too embarrassed to ask how much.

The genial Torres doesn't seem too intimidated about being on national television. "I'll just be myself. I'll just go down and have a good time, maybe go to Disneyland while we're down there." He's mainly nervous

And look, people who heard me have been writing to me."

He displays some of the letters and postcards he's received. One from New Zealand: "If you think it's expensive up there, it's murder down here. Best regards to El Cheapo."

Torres demonstrates how he saves money on tollet paper with sons Ryan (left) and Joson. He'll probably take a roll on the Arsenio Hall show

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about flying to get there.

His wife, on the other hand, is keeping some distance from all the hoopla, and hasn't wanted to be interviewed. Their daughterin-law will accompany Torres to family, including his 90-year-old mother, will watch his appearances from home.

Since the TV people told him to "bring his equipment," Torres is ready with two partially separated

rolls of toilet paper. His grand-sons Jason, 10, and Ryan, 7, demonstrate the preferred techni-

demonstrate the preferred technique of unrolling.

"It's not so much that I'm cheap," he explained. "I'm thrifty. Some of the other contestants' habits, like saving used dental floss or re-using toothpicks, those are too gross," you know?

"I first learned to be thrifty as the second of 12 kids coming up in Emeryville during the Depres-

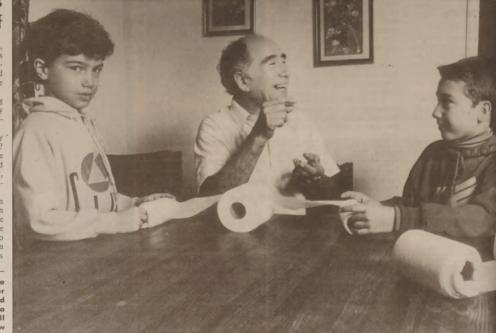
sion. My mother taught us to save everything. Tinfoil and copper, those were the biggest sellers."

Torres unveiled another money-saving device he's taking to Los Angeles. It's a round river rock he got absolutely free up near Sacramento, and it's perfect for sharpening up a used double-edged razor blade.

With a straight face and a gleam in his eye, Luis Torres is getting ready for prime time.

'Some of the other contestants' habits, like saving used dental floss or re-using toothpicks, those are gross, you know?'

-Luis Ton



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According to a PUC release, the commission also recently ordered local phone companies providing 976 service to offer businesses the option of blocking 976 service. The commission ruled that on an interim basis 976 information providers must pay the local phone companies' costs of blocking 976 services.

In an earlier statement Bob Gnaizda, a spokesman for the public interest law firm Public Advocates, stated the PUC ruling could result in refunds totaling \$31 million to PacBell customers.

A PacBell spokesman,

Consumer prices on the rise

on the rise

The U.S. Department of Labor reports that after four months of relative stability, consumer prices in the Bay Area rose 1.1 percent last month.

Sam Hirabayashi, regional commissioner of the Labor Department Bureau of Labor Statistics, says the increase is the largest monthly gain since last March and resulted from higher prices in all major consumer categories.

The Consumer Price Index for the Bay Area reached 124 in January, up 4.7 percent from a year earlier — the largest 12-month rise in the local consumer price index since September.

Food and beverage costs rose 1.4 percent, mostly due to the higher cost of fresh produce. Fruits and vegetables rose a sharp 9.2 percent between January and December and were 26.5 percent higher than a year ago.

utility costs. Electricity rates jumped 11.5 percent in January, 13.3 percent higher than a year earlier.

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Interest on the scene, parameters immediately began trying to save James' life.

The key was to get James to a trauma center and in the operating room as quickly as possible. But even though Highland Hospital's trauma center was less than 10 minutes away, paramedics were told that Highland was overwhelmed with trauma cases.

The trauma center at Castro Valley's Eden Hospital was also

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to another back-up trauma center, John Muir Hospital in Walnut Creek, nearly 30 minutes

Walnut Creek, nearly so under away.

James died in the ambulance on his way to the hospital.

Although it is impossible to say whether James' life could have been saved had he made it to a trauma center more quickly, his case illustrates the life-or-death consequences of an emergency

system sometimes overburdened with serious injuries.

Even as Alameda County's trauma system deals with an increasing number of gunshot victims, county supervisors are facing the agonizing decision of whether the county can afford to run trauma centers.

"There are no sacred cows in Alameda County. The budget crunch is too great," said Don Perata, chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

"In a perfect world, trauma centers — of all government services — are the kind of service that should be offered. But it's not a perfect world, and it's getting less perfect."

Trauma centers, which treat patients seriously injured from traffic accidents, falls, stabbings and shootings, are expensive. Highland Hospital loses about \$2 million a year on its trauma center, according to county Health Director David Kears.

"We have the frustration of having to be responsible for a system where demand keeps increasing and increasing while reimbursement from state and federal sources keeps decreasing and decreasing. It's going to clash, if it hasn't already," Kears said.

Boon to Bust

Boon to Bust

The county trauma system got its start two years ago. Highland

Alameda County's emergen-cy systems are overburden-ed and underfunded

and Eden hospitals have trauma centers, and Children's Hospital is equipped to handle pediatric trauma cases.

Trauma centers are a step up from conventional emergency rooms, where the average wait before a patient goes to surgery is two to three hours.

The centers are staffed around.

-Health Director David Kears

What you're dealing with here is a MASH unit. It's wartime medicine'

ews said.

"Things have changed dramatically since that time. We now have a large number of uninsured patients, who are essentially indigent in terms of medical care."

Trauma centers are required, legally and ethically, to treat uninsured patients. But the medical staff is sometimes frustrated when treating people who obviously have the ability to pay, but choose not to, Kears said.

"We have examples where people are brought in with \$10,000 on them, but we can't get that money from them. They just never pay," he said.

with the increase in shooting victims, the trauma centers often resemble a scene from an urban war.

"What you're dealing with here is a MASH unit," said Kears.
"It's wartime medicine."

The increasing number of penetrating traumas, which now account for about 40 percent of all trauma cases in Alameda County, puts a strain on the trauma system. If too many patients enter a trauma center at any one time, the hospital must divert new patients to other, more distant, trauma centers, as was the case with William James.

Semiautomatic assault rifles can lengthen the time overwhelmed trauma centers must divert patients, because a longer time in the operating room is required for victims shot by assault guns, according to Christine May, a registered nurse at Highland's trauma center.

Assault rifles tend to cause more bullet holes and more tissue damage because of the high velocity of the bullets, which accounts for the longer operating time.

May said Highland diverts patients to other trauma centers only 5 percent of the time. This represents a big improvement over last year, when in one month the diversion rate was more than 20 percent, May said.

The reason for the improvement lies in an better method of triage that concentrates trauma care resources on people who really need it, according to May.

May said that it can be frustrat-





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PAWS for Advice

By Nancy Frensley

Forget the rolled-up papers

Paws is a pet advice column brought to you by the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society. Behavior questions will be answered by Nancy Frensley, the society's public educator and state humane officer, who is also the voice on the other end of BEBH's behavior hotline. Dr. Lisa Fromer-Valenzuela, the society's chief veterinarian, will be happy to answer your medical questions in English or Spanish. Send your questions to Paws, Send your questions to Paws P.O. Box 2222, Berkeley 94702.

About a week ago, we adopted a shepherd and terrier mix dog, 11 months old. Our problem is that no matter what we try we just can't housebreak her. I've never met a dog so stubborn. We've hit her with a rolled-up paper and even put her nose in it. She knows she's done wrong but can't seem to stop.

If she doesn't quit soon, we're going to take her back.

Rhonda R.

Berkeley

The first thing you should do is get down on your hands and knees and look at the situation from the dog's point of view. Even you when you were a child had to be taught the appropriate place to go to the bathroom. Rolled-up paper and nose-rubbing are out. Even though the dog acts as though she's done wrong, she is only responding to that "bad dog" feeling you have given her.

They don't remember past a

that "bad dog" feeling you have given her.

They don't remember past a minute or two what they've done. A gentler and more effective method is to take her out on a leash (yes, even if you have a yard) to the place you want her to go and praise her lavishly, even wondrously, when she goes in the right place.

wondrously, when she goes in the right place. It should take you no more than two weeks to have her going to the right place. She should be taken out and "drained" every

two to four hours during the day and confined to one room inside until she has the idea.

Dogs understand the process of earning their right to the run of the house. Teach with praise, not punishment. If problems persist, you should look into crate training methods. These are training procedures which involve confining the animal in a crate or small enclosure, and should not be attempted without professional advice. tempted advice.

advice.

If you work during the day, you might consider paying a neighbor or pet-sitting service to help out with this initial training. If you empty her on public streets, don't forget to scoop.

My tabby tom cat, George, leaves home for days on end. It makes me frantic with worry. I've tried to keep him in but he yowls at the door all the time. What can I do?

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Albany
Are you one of those guys who thinks your tom cat won't be a boy any more if you neuter him? If George isn't neutered, that would be a great beginning toward solving his problem.
Disappearing cats are not uncommon if they are left outdoors. There's a little wild cat in every one of them. That's why us folks at humane societies rave so much about tagging and collaring these feisty felines (all of them).
We really think that indoors is a much better place for cats and if you've visited the cat show lately, you've seen some truly incredible outdoor environments for cats — ones that are safely enclosed.
George could be hankering for a mate or developing a territory, or might possibly be living a double life, spending half time at somebody else's.
Better get on top of this problem fast!

Pets of the Month





Henry (left) is a 1-year-old male long-hair, already neutered and fully vaccinated, including the leukemia vaccine. Java, 3, has been in the shelter since last September. She is spayed. She is a shy dog by nature and does best in a one-pet household. Both Henry and Java are walting for a new family at the Berkeley East-Bay Human Society. Call 845-7735 for information.

Money Matters

There have been three new tax laws in the past three years. So don't be surprised if you find yourself wondering what deductions and credits are still available to cut your taxes. Use this checklist of deductions, credits and elections to review some often overlooked tax-cutters you can still use (though some have limits).

Your job. You can deduct interest.

limits).

• Your job. You can deduct job hunting, travel and telephone expenses, employment agency fees, job counseling fees, resume preparation costs, union or professional association dues, special clothing worn on the job, small tools used at work, professional journals, job skill improvement classes, including travel to them, and job-related moving expenses. You can also get a credit for child

care expenses while you work or go to school.

• Your home. You can deduct mortgage points paid on a new home loan, expenses of a home

office (strict limits), and hom

office (strict limits), and home improvements done for medical reasons to the extent home value is not increased. You can also defer the tax on a home sale when you replace it at equal or greater value and you may be able to exclude tax on \$125,000 of gain in a home sale if you're 55 or older.

• Your retirement. Don't miss IRA or Keogh plan contribution deductions if you qualify. Don't miss the deadline for electing the exemption from the new 15 percent penalty tax on excess distributions from your retirement plan. The election is available to individuals who had \$562,500 or more in a retirement plan on Aug. 1, 1986. The deadline for the election is the due date of your 1988 tax return.

IRS studies show that one in 10 taxpayers overpays his or her taxes. Don't be one of them.

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It is significant that Chi has been motivated enough to carry a heavy academic load, keep house, participate in many school activities and work part-time.

Her extra-curricular activities include the yearbook staff, school newspaper staff (where she was photography editor in her junior year), prom committee, service club, Big Sisters and Senior Girls Honorary.

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She was a football stat for one year and has been a basketball stat for the past three years. However, she said her strongest interest has been in student government, where she served as vice president of her junior class. She currently is commissioner of the student body.

Chi worked hardest on the junior-senior prom and selected a theme for the prom. Serving on

the committee brought in ferent individuals log form a working group in vided an opportunity close friendships.

Chi said she's lucky been involved in so me tivities. Although it was to maintain good grade worth it for the lifelong ships she has made and she's had, she said.

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U.C. system next year Santa Barbara or U.S study broadcasti advertising. Albany High has been have Chi's commit-thusiastic.

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Pet Photo Contest

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Fees: \$2 for a snapshot, and \$3 for an 8x10.

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Trauma

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ing treating many gunshot victims.

tims.
"You do start to ask yourself,
'Why am I doing this for someone
who is a criminal?' But it's not
your job to worry about that.
When a patient comes in, there's
no time to make those ethical
judgments," she said.

May added that most of the patients the trauma center treats are not criminals.
"We see bicycle accidents, pedestrians, people who get mugged and little old men that get hit crossing the streets. That's who trauma centers are for."

Tough choices

Everyone agrees that trauma centers do a good job in saving lives. County officials estimate that one life is saved every other day because of the trauma

system.

Gretchen Parker, Alameda
County's trauma program coordinator, said getting patients to
surgery quickly is the key to sav-

surgery quickly is the key to saving lives.

"I read a lot of autopsies here
— that's part of my job," Parker
said. "Before we started the
trauma system, I would put my
head on my desk and cry because
a lot of young people would die
who just shouldn't have. That
doesn't happen with the trauma
centers."

But with an ever-tighter county budget, supervisors say that the choice may come down to fund-ing programs that save lives in one way, for example by preven-tive medicine or social welfare programs instead of the trauma centers.

"We are now in a position of making ethical decisions every day that implicitly mean human lives," said Supervisor Perata.

One way of continuing funding for the centers may be to boost the county benefit assessment services tax by \$3 or \$4 per household, Perata suggested.

to save their lives or poorly-equipped to save their lives. I would like to see it well-gency room. That emergency room can be either well-equipped

equipped."
Lori Davis, a paramedic field supervisor for Allied Ambulance in Oakland, put it more bluntly. "Trauma centers are something

drastically needed in the county," she said. "They can't close these down, because many, many people are going to die unnecessarily if they do."

Vallejo guard station will open again

Rep. Barbara Boxer's office reports the U.S. Coast Guard Station at Mare Island in Vallejo will reopen by May 24.

The station, which oversees the San Pablo Bay area, was closed last year due to a budget shortfall, according to a news release from Rep. Boxer's office. Additional funding was made available through the 1989 transportation appropriations bill.

Boxer (D, Marin) said the Coast Guard has chosen to appropriate the additional funding provided by the bill to return the station to its former level of staffing and activities.

I'm pleased at the Coast Guard's decision because I know how vital the Coast Guard is to safe navigation of the San Pablo Bay," she said.

A 20-person crew will operate a utility boat and another small craft which will be available to respond to emergencies and aid in law enforcement 24 hours a day.



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Business Scene

By Michael S. Holmes

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Supervisor Mary King agreed.
"People are willing to pay \$30 a year to AAA in case their cars are injured on the freeway. How about if our bodies are in jeopardy on the freeway? I think most people would be willing to pay for that as well."

King added that people who are gravely injured still must be cared for by the county.

"There are still going to be people run over in the street who will have to be treated in an emer-

with their two daughters, Jennifer, 16 and Jackie, 12. The girls love to help in the shop when their school schedules and time permits, making this a (sometimes) family operation.

"We wanted to open a children's shop because we knew our customers would be happy shoppers," commented Jeff. "This is an upbeat happy business, especially with the new parents and grandparents with their babies."

The shop stocks well known and approved lines of children's clothing, bedding and footwear. These include OshKosh, Le-Roi, Off Spring, Quiltex and Friedknit Creations. I also saw more than a few very cute teddy bears.

Shopping at Kidswear is done in a non-rushed, pleasant and

music-filled atmosphere. Shoppers are encouraged to browse and assistance is happily provided when needed. "We enjoy very much assisting in finding that perfect gift or outfit," said Vicki, as she arranged the rows of pastel and brightly colored outfits. "We also offer free gift wrapping for your special gift; just ask."

Kidswear, of Course is located in Piedmont Lane at 4129 Piedmont Avenue in Oakland. They are open Tuesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; phone 658-7363.

P.S. This March 1 a 15 percent off sale starts at Kidswear, of Course. The sale is to run through the end of the month, so happy shopping for all those beautiful children and grandchildren.



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Misanthrope, n., a hater of mankind.

In Moliere's comedy The Misanthrope, Alceste, the title character, purports to hate mankind for its hypocrisy, cunning, and for the pervasive corruption of the social fabric.

"All men are detestable in my eyes," he cries. "I hate the lot."
While this ranting and call for the "heart to speak the naked truth" is hardly the stuff of comedy, Moliere finds humor, not only in exposing the debased society where Alceste lives, but also in revealing the high-minded speaker's feet of clay.

Irene Lewis' production of the

1666 play, playing at the Berkeley Repertory Theater, is excellent at capturing the gilded decadence of the period. From the opening sequence, in which brilliant use is made of bird masks, Lewis and her colleagues — scenery by Kate Edmunds, costumes by Catherine Zuber, lighting by Pat Collins, music by Victor Spiegel and sound by James LeBrecht —emphasize the glittering artifice that ensnares Alceste.

A menage a trois is translated into a pas de trois, choreographed by Carlos Carvajal. In this sequence, costume, music, lighting and dance converge to transform a non-verbal encounter into Meis-

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Books

The Eight by Kotherine Neville (Bellantine Books, \$18.95) is avoilable in local bookstores.

By Barbara L. Sloane

Press packets can sometimes discourage a reviewer from reading a book. When I read that Katherine Neville's novel The Eight contains two complete plots, one historical and one modern and 64 characters with major roles, I was tempted to put the book aside until summer.

The opening scene at Montglane Abbey in the France of 1790 drew me into the action of a plot built on the history and importance of a chess set (the Montglane Service) reputed to have belonged to Charlemagne.

With over 500 pages to develop the intrigue involved in the search for the scattered chess board and pieces, Neville has created a remarkably complex and exciting first novel.

The author's own background has been a full and varied one, including careers as a computer specialist who developed systems for such firms as Honeywell and IBM, a commercial photogra-



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Larry Seidell's Chevron station won a reprieve when the council voted to drop Schurgin Develop ment Corp. whose plans called for buildozing the area

Mall

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"This whole recent dispute is based on whether they get their financing commitment to us by the deadline," said Bacon.

The cleanup of toxics found on the site has been a stumbling block to finding a lender. Among the stipulations, the potential lender said any commitment to finance the project would require approval of the loan review board.

"The financial commitment

amproval of the loan review board.

"The financial commitment that was provided (to the city) addressed the lender's concerns about the toxic liability as well as the normal closing conditions," Lynch said.

"When something has to pass through a review committee," said Bacon, "that's not a commitment."

The council had granted the corporation five extensions including one last July, after the redevelopment agency had recommended that the agreement be terminated.

That recommendation was made after Schurgin missed two June deadlines: one for submitting a plan to share toxic cleanup costs with the city, the other for securing a written commitment from a key tenant.

"We didn't have the grounds to terminate the agreement in

California Carpet

June," Porter said. "Their default now is based on their failure to live up to the contract."

In a separate but related action, the council voted 3-1 to let Larry Seidell's Chevron service station stay at its present corner of the redevelopment area at Potrero and San Pablo avenues.

and San Pablo avenues.

The original agreement with Schurgin called for tearing down the station in order to develop the site with the rest of the mall. The new vote protects the station's spot on the corner.

"I didn't vote for it because I'm a friend of Larry Seidell's, because I'm not," Bacon said. "I voted for it because I thought it best served the community. We've been abandoning gas stations right and left."

Porter cast the lone vote against the decision. "I thought we should let developers make proposals on the entire target area," he said. "I'l may discourage some developers from submitting proposals. I don't think there's an economic justification for whittling down the size of the area by excluding single properties here and there." The same council decision also will allow the owners of the land where the Church's Fried Chicken

outlet is (San Pablo Avenue and Cutting Boulevard) to keep the property and lease it to the new developer.

Schools

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be available to provide support"
to the school district.
Elected to the school board last
year, Cediel served one year of
her four-year term. The school
board is now beginning the process of appointing someone to
take Cediel's place.
Several board members offered
warm hugs before Cediel collected her belongings and left the
meeting only a short time after it
began, and before the board
voted on any of the more than 10
items on its agenda.
Among those agenda items was
a recommendation from
Superintendent J. Dale Hudson,
who was not at the meeting, to
approve contract revisions for
Assistant Superintendent Jon
Frank and Business Manager
Janice Smith. Both Frank and
Smith were given 7 percent raises,
effective July 1 of last year.
For Frank, that means a salary
increase to \$62,190 per year. He
served as the principal of Marin
and Cornell schools before being

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hired as assistant superintendent last year.

Smith, who has been the district's business manager for about four years, now will earn \$60,924 annually.

"We have consistently tried to improve all salaries in the district," board President Kay Rabin said after the unanimous yote.

Rabin said after the unanimous vote.

She said that the raise still leaves the two administrators' pay in the bottom third of salaries earned by comparable personnel in other districts.

Rabin said the board wanted to keep administrators' salaries as competitive as possible, but at the same time, "We must stay within our budget."

The board also voted to purchase educational math materials for kindergarten through fifthgrade students. The equipment will be paid for with approximately \$5,500 from a state instructional materials fund.

Having had several weeks to examine them, all board members

Caltrans computers count the number of accidents on a particular state highway to assess the safety of an area, he said.

A third pedestrian, Laura Welch, was hit by a car in the intersection Oct. 25, 1988. She was taken to the hospital by ambulance and sustained leg injuries.

The driver who hit Welch was going 35 miles per hour when the accident occurred. "He said he did not see her until he was 10 feet away from her," said Welch's fiance, Robert Duvall.

Bayol said a traffic signal may not make the intersection safer. "People are under the impression that a traffic signal decreases accidents. They may actually increase them, because people try to run the lights," he said. Bayol mentioned a flashing light or four-way stop as other possibilities.

Public Works Director Dunn said Caltrans has about 11 or 12 warrants that must be fulfilled. One of those warrants would be a

One of those warrants would be a city recommendation.

"The cross street traffic is what is lacking," said Dunn.

"Pedestrian traffic has a minimum warrant of 150 pedestrians per hour for every eight hours. There was a max-

imum of 40 pedestrians the intersection." Dunn said cost is an consideration. "Typics

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seemed impressed with the "variety of new choices," as one board member put it, that the learning tools will bring to the

classroom.

Special texts, geo boards, colored tiles and cubes, and calculators to be used by fourth and fifth graders are among the items designed to give young students a bigger, more tangible picture of the math and geometry they learn on paper.

Also at Tuesday night's meeting, the school board:

Discussed a variety of "staff development" activities in pro-● Voted unabids to do replacement School that w \$200,000.

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November. She said she understood that the studio would be closed for a short time for remodeling.

Hagerty-Hammond added that when she visited the studio, she saw that no remodeling was being done. When she asked if she could use the equipment, she was told that the equipment was unavailable.

"Utter rubbish," responded Young.

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He said that the studio was never shut down. Bay Cablevision simply changed the hours it would be available to producers.

Bay Cablevision needs the studio from 5 to 10 p.m. every evening, he said. Producers may use the studio at any other time.

But Hagerty-Hammond and her co-producer, Soula Culver, said they need to work during the day. When they tried to use the studio on a weekend they found it already booked.

"Having to jump over ropes, bend over backwards and beg does not qualify as public ac-

cess," Hagerty-Ham Young added that starting to look into the studio so that available to the pro-hours.

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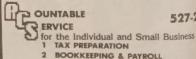
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Sports In Action



rrito's Quentin Youngblood exploded in the second half with 28 points

Gauchos win BVAL

By Tyler Alper
EL CERRITO — The El Cernio Gauchos (18-0), undefeated melague play, overcame an invited Berkeley High (14-4) team surday night to dramatically sin the BVAL tournament final \$83 in overtime.

The 1,207 fans at El Cerrito's mewre witnesses to what may have been the most thrilling high cool basketball game in the Bay tea this year.

The Gauchos, ranked fifth in East Bay in this week's prepaiters poll, entered the game hand yassured of a berth in the thirth Coast Section playoffs.

With Berkeley trailing by assumy as 11 points with 155 left in the third quarter, Winsor Alston Ipoints) and Eric Price (18) led third quarter, Winsor Alston Ipoints) and Eric Price (18) led third quarter, Winsor Alston Ipoints) and Eric Price (18) led third quarter, Winsor Alston Ipoints) and Eric Price (18) led third quarter, Winsor Alston Ipoints) and Eric Price (18) led third quarter, Winsor Alston Ipoints) and Eric Price (18) led third quarter, Winsor Alston Ipoints) and Eric Price (18) led third quarter, Winsor Alston Ipoints with 155 left in the third quarter, Winsor Alston Ipoints with 155 left in the third quarter, Winsor Alston Ipoints with 25 left in the third quarter, Winsor Alston Ipoints with 150 seconds to go, Berkeley was hurt by the loss of Price and Alston (both fouled out at the end of the fourth quarter). Nakamura and James French each secored for El Cerrito to open the length of the court and scored on a driving layup with: 17 showing on the clock.

El Cerrito's Wade Nakamura fired a desperation shot with no time left, but missed everything and the game went into OT.

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NORTH COAST SECTION DIVISION 1 PLAYOFFS

GIRLS BVAL PLAYOFFS

El Cerrito boys play De La Salle at the Oakland Col-iseum Friday, 7:30 p.m.

two rivals played.

"We just came out and played hard. Everyone contributed and did what they were supposed to do," said Kevin Carraway, who scored 15 points.

"We got too eager towards the end. There were some questionable fouls, but I don't want to take anything away from El Cerrito. They are a great team," said Alston.

Youngblood, who dominated

and Jackets met, was 2 for 12 from the field in the first half but exploded for 28 second-half points and finished with 34.

William Petzel scored 14 for El Cerrito and Nakamura and Lossie Mitchell finished with eight each.

"We shot terribly tonight. 27 percent in the first half," Nakamura said after the game. "But we were still winning at the half (33-31), and I think that says a lot about our defense. Berkeley got much better since the last time we played them. They're a lot better than their record."

With a bye in the semi-finals of the BVAL playoffs, El Cerrito had a week to try and keep sharp entering Saturday's contest. Gaucho Coach Chris Huber had called the game "a tune up" for NCS competition. But pride and talent carried the Gauchos to their third win over the Jackets this season.

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Project threatens Golden Gate alley

By Chris Treadway

EL CERRITO — A threat Golden Gate Lanes thought it had overcome last year was renewed last week when Target Stores told the City Council it is interested in opening an outlet on six acres that includes the bowling alley.

"They took the same run at the property a year ago," said Richard Kerr of American Recreation Centers Inc., the bowling alley's owner. "They backed down later, but not before it caused a marked decrease in our business."

Kerr said his company is sur-

business."

Kerr said his company is surprised by the retail chain's continued interest in the site. He claims that the bowling alley has lost contracts for three leagues after the retailer's latest announcement.

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"They don't have to put any money into making a proposal," Kerr said. "By just writing a letter (to the council) they can substantially affect our business. When a league gets concerned the lane will not be there, it doesn't sign a contract."

Kerr said Golden Gate Lanes occupies three acres of the coveted site. A trailer park, restaurant and some undeveloped property make up the remainder.

The parcels are made all the more desirable to developers because the Del Norte BART station is adjacent to the site.

"Prime is exactly the right word," said El Cerrito Councilmember Bob Bacon. "Is a bowling alley the best use of the property. That's the question."

American Recreation believes so. "I appreciate the merit of what the city is trying to do," Kerr said, "We will be presenting a plan to the city that will include the bowling alley and other retail uses."

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By considering Target's request, which would include an 80,000-square-foot store plus a parking lot, the city opens the site up to proposals from any interested developers.

"I don't know that it's Target versus the bowling alley," Bacon aid. "I don't have any feelings on it one way or the other. I would like to see the highest and best use of the land."

Because the property is within the city's redevelopment area, interested developers can request that the city open it to different proposals even if parcels are privately owned.

George Schaber, manager of Golden Gate Lanes, said the alley provides an important recreational asset to the city.

"Our percentage of seniors is going up each year," he said. "I would guess by the year 2000 we'll be over 40 or 50 percent seniors and over half of them from El Cerito."

American Recreation, which bought Golden Gate Lanes in

American Recreation, which bought Golden Gate Lanes in 1986, is a Sacramento-based firm that has annual revenue of \$26 million, Kerr said,

The company operates 29 bowling centers in California and Texas, including 14 in the Bay Area.



Wade Nakamura's (No. 11) score put the game into overtime

rito's Will Petzel helped the Gauchos beat Santa Rosa 79-52 in the first game of the North Section Div. 1 playoffs

Albany bowling teams only few points away from victory — and each other

seven points separate the top seven teams.

The rejuvenated A & L Bowling Supply squad, sparked by Chris Wu 244-657 and Paul Brenner 244-612, took over the top spot by downing Kent's Travel & Tour 17-8. John Bruno 243-688 and Donald Jacko 212-612 helped Luau Island Restaurant climb to second via a 15-10 victory over Dean Asami Pro Shop (Richard Allen 232-643).

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The final round of Albany Bowl's 930 Scratch Classic League is destined to be a real free-for-all if the first three weeks are a true indication. A mere seven points separate the top seven teams.

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By Phyllis Lyon

AFS
Albuny Chapter
The AFS will hold its annual pencake breakfast on March 5 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Cornell School cafeteria, 920 Talbot in Albany. Tickets are \$3. Children under 6 are free.
Proceeds from this major fundraising event pay expenses for Albany exchange students abroad and for foreign students in Albany.

The AFS meets the fourth Tuesday of each month in members' homes.

Rotary Club of El Cerrito

Rotarian Alan Goldenberg spoke to the club recently on the activities of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters, who act as role models for children between 7 and 17.

The club meets Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. at the Cerrito City Club in El Cerrito.

West Contra Costa Div. 58

The West Contra Costa division of the California Retired Teachers Association will meet on March 7 at noon in Linder Hall of St. Luke's Methodist Church in Richmond. Phone 234-5078 for reservations by March 3. There will be an executive board meeting at 9:45 a.m.

To celebrate the 11th anniversary of the founding of the club, past presidents will be recognized. They are Lou Etta Black, Darrol Davis, Muriel Gray, Allen Hearne, Claude Samples, "Katherine Armstrong, August-"Al" Bernes, Claire Shaw, Arthur Selleck, Ina Briggs, Vernon Dahl, Marion Maynard, Margaret Wolleson and John Enos.

Martin Mathieson, state presi-Enos. Martin Mathieson, state presi-

dent of the association, will speak on CRTA - Past, Present,

on CRIA—Past, Present, Prospect.

Members will see Phantom of the Opera at a lunch theater party early in the spring. For informa-tion call 233-2777.

Kensington Community Council

The council is sponsoring a tour of the Santa Clara Valley on March 15. Bus and admissions to a Labor Exhibit at De Anza and O ver felt Botanical Gardens/Chinese Cultural Center are \$20. No-host lunch will be at the Pruneyard.

For information call Alice Davis at 524-1641.

American Legion Albany Post 292

The annual Post Dirthday din-ner, put on by the post auxiliary, will be March 3. The pot-luck din-ner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the most bizarre socks and the most weird ties. Call Dorothy at 525-2691 or Hazel at 526-9231 for reservations.

The next regular business meeting is March 17. Bingo is on March 4 and 18. Doors open at 6 p.m. For complete information on how to join Post 292 call Post Commander Ray Correia at 237-3427.

Soroptimist International of El Cerrito

The club will present its annual fashion show on March 11 at the Holiday Inn in Emeryville, sponsored by Macy's. The theme is Galeria of Fashion.

Funds raised will support the gazebo at the El Cerrito Community Center and youth citizen-

ship and training awards. Lunch and donation are \$20. For reserations call Theresa Markert, co hairman, at 620-1365 o

Alpha Delta Kappa

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The Alpha Phi chapter of the honorary sorority for women educators will meet March 10 at the home of Jeanne Gedda. The chapter will celebrate their 27th anniversary with a display of historians' books. Members will bring stuffed toys for the Bay Area Crisis Nursery.

NARFE

The Albany chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Albany.

Erika Aschmann of the East Bay Municipal Utility District spoke on water conservation at the Feb. 28 meeting. For information about the club call 222-4590.

City Commons Club

On March 3 at noon the meeting program will be Professor Austin Ranney, chairman of the UCB Political Science Department, speaking on The 1988 Election.

The club meets at 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Visitors are welcome. For information and lunch reservations call Nick at 841-5575 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Albany Lions Club
Former Albany Lion Bill
Austin spoke at a recent meeting
on his adventures in Lagos,
Nigeria, accompanying a cruiser
weight boxer for a championship
fight with an Australian
opponent.
Student Speakers Contest
Chairman Bob Luoma announced at a recent meeting that one
student from Albany High
entered the competition. In addition to the student, Oakland Fire
Chief Sam Golden was guest
speaker.

Supervisor wants to bust teen beer partie

parties be liable for up to \$1,000 in Sheriff's Department costs. King has drafted a sobering ordinance that would crack down on the hosts of parties that cause "a threat to the public peace, health, safety or general welfare" and require sheriff's deputies to be summoned.

King, who drafted the ordinance at the urging of the Castro Valley Drug Task Force, said, "large, organized teenage drinking parties have proliferated in recent years in many suburban areas."

Although the parties are held in private homes, "They frequently

degenerate into wild scenes involving hadrinking teenagers police presence to control," King said.

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The ordinance would a all unincorporated are Alameda County, inc Castro Valley, Fair Ashland, Cherryland, San zo and pockets in the Liv Valley.

Under the proposed or sheriff's deputies would warning notice when g investigate a beer party. If called a second in department could bill the up to \$1,000 in person equipment costs.

On The Calendar

Kensington Senior Center will hear Ivy Louie, a dietician with Brookside Hospital, talk about Eating for Good Health March 9. The program is one of a series presented at the center Thursdays

presented at the center Thursdays at 11 a.m.

Free blood pressure checks will be given by a public health nurse on March 9 from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Kensington Senior Center meets Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Arlington Community Church.

Fairmount School PTA will sponsor a Flea Market Sale on March 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school in El Cerrito. Spaces

multi-use room. Self-made sun-daes are \$1.50.
Should it rain, the flea market will be held in the multi-use room.
For information and reservations call 526-8183.

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puppetry, drawing and cartoon-ing, many different dance classes for all ages, dog training and

pottery.
For information and signups call 528-5740.

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The Class of 1939 at Albany High will hold their 50th reunion on April 15 at the Berkeley Marina Marriott. Social hour is at 6:30 p.m., gournet buffet dinner at 8 p.m. with dancing to the tunes of the '30s and '40s following.

Tickets are \$35 per person. Reservations may be mailed to Harold Lehman, 135 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito 94530.

The Chieftains, with special guest singer Maura O'Connell, will present an evening of Irish reels, jigs, airs and ballads on traditional Irish instruments on March 5 at 7 p.m. in Zellerbach Hall on the UC Berkeley campus.

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Mazda 929 takes the road, hot to go



, 1989, Mazda's 929 luxury sedan offers a long list of standard features, plus options.

David Fetherston

gudenly found I needed to be le Los Angeles Auto Show for day last month. Flying to the was out of the question a we decided to go, so we from the Bay Area in the I Mazda 929 for a one-day d trip to Los Angeles. It turout to be one of those meshletrips.

Auto Scene

route 58 but tried taking a few short-cuts across the flat land around Bakersfield to shorten the trip.

A real road test

To shorten the story, we ended up in a greasy dirt track that dead-ended against the freeway with no freeway access. The Mazda had cut along just like a mountain goat through rain and now mud, to end up with nowhere to go but back.

We quickly found our way to route 58 and cut up across the snow-covered Tehachapi mountains through Mojave and Palmdale and down into Los Angeles. Highway 58 was covered with snow, ice and slush but it was open because of its shallower grade. The 929 just ran along fine, not giving us a moment's he-

sitation even though it is the largest Mazda ever sold in the United States. The trip down to Los Angeles was pleasantly comfortable, even with its side trips. Its interior comfort and ride rate are as good as the Toyota Cressida or the older Nissan Maxima.

I later drove the 929 around Napa County and found it a very tractable, fast and fun automobile, hiding quietly under its staid sheet metal.

The 929's approximately \$20,000 price tag seemed high at first because of its undistinguished looks, although it does have a strong family resemblance to some of the other Mazda models. In fact it looks downright staid in these times of aerolook automobiles but the Japanese buyers certainly seem to like it, as the 929 is the biggest selling model in Japan for its class. In the current U.S. market the 929's saving grace would surely be its high level of standard features.

Any surface in stride

On all the differing surfaces we rolled over that day, from flat-out freeway to snow and ice, to a greasy clay lane leading to a cabbage field, the 929 took it all in stride, not even hinting at any uneasiness with the surface.

This is due mostly to the new E-Link rear suspension with its trailing arms and low pressure gas shocks and the long travel design

This was another night trip and the headlights proved excellent for the job at hand. The 929 cut back up Highway 5, giving us a return time of seven hours and a few seven from the seven

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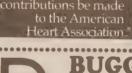
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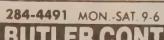
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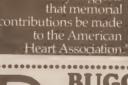
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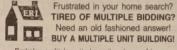
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In order to write about Catherine Webb in a column like this, it is necessary to nibble away at parts of her at different times. There is just too much about this rather incredible octogenarian to encompass in a few columns of type.

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Last time we wrote about her the emphasis was Catherine Webb, artist and wood worker. She was just celebrating her 80th birthday and was one of two artists in a special exhibit. Today we take on Catherine Webb, writer, historian and activist.

This came about because the Albany Library, in conjunction with the Albany Recreation Department, is taking over the old hospital on Marin Avenue. Now, suddenly, there will be room, room for the fine collection of books held by the library and even room — a special niche — for the collection of material on the history of Albany now housed in an upstairs room in Catherine's home.

Beside being an ardent member of the Friends of the Library, Catherine was the founder of the Albany Historical Society.

She started the historical society as a class in oral history, she said. The students went out and did interviews. At about this time she learned of boxes of pictures from the Peralta land case that were held by the Bancroft Library. They found the pictures, which they then catalogued and added to the other information available on the history of Albany.

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Her family were pioneers in the gold rush days. Her great-grandfather was the first mayor of Stockton. Her great-aunt used to tell her stories of the family which whetted her interest and led to her own research, culminating in her book, A Family History of California.

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The book grew from a suggestion by Charlie Smith who said it was important that she write her memoirs. It grew to be more of a family history than just a personal memoir, beautifully written, using letters, diaries and newspaper articles. Catherine has pictured for us a family and life as it was lived in the early years of this century.

Catherine opened one drawer in the bank of files she maintains on all her many interests. The carefully catalogued, fully packed drawer contained nothing but her family history.

Speaking of her files, I must share with you the wonderful picture I retain of Catherine's home as I arrived to re-interview her. Spread out carefully at one corner of the living room floor was a child's wooden train set, the property of a young lad who likes to play with it there. Books are everywhere. A fine fire is snapping in the fireplace and a comfortable chair is placed before it for my use.

Examples of Catherine's art

ing in the fireplace and a comfortable chair is placed before it for my use.

Examples of Catherine's art plus work done by other artists are all about the room and banks of file cabinets are lined up against the back wall. All of the many sides of Catherine Webb are clearly displayed here.

I wish we had space to recount some of the history of Albany she related to me—for instance, how the early settlers of the city were mostly people of Italian descent. Some of these families had problems during Prohibition because they wanted to continue their tradition of winemaking.

Catherine says the dominance of women in early Albany resulted in a city without bars. The bars were opened in El Cerrito instead and that's where the drinkers went. "El Cerrito and Albany were totally different cities, no similarity at all," Catherine said.

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To continue: Catherine Webb, writer. Catherine and associates wrote in 1986 Art for Everyone, a beautiful book dedicated to the proposition that everyone is creative.

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In 1966 and 1967, after the civil rights marchers had left the South, came the beginning of what Catherine calls its second reconstruction period. Webb went to Mississippi to teach woodworking.

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Her book Innocence of Vision, published in 1980, is about those two years, about Mississippi and the South, about what happened there after the intense civil rights struggle of the early '60s and about the continuing struggle there and elsewhere to bring the dreams of civil rights and equality to fruition.

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tion to the principles of Chinese medicine with examples from the collection in the garden.

Efficacy of Affirmative Action is the subject of a talk by Dr. James H. Peoples, Ford postdoctoral fellow at UCB, at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, on March 7 at 7:30 p.m.

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